PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

Mr. G. B. E. Truscott : I move for a grant of Rs. 19,000 composed of the following three items :

(i) Construction of quarters for the Commissioner, Devicolam Rs. 10,000.

(ii) Construction of a new building for the Kumarakam Nelpura Cutcherry Rs. 3,500.

(iii) Restoration of the Alleppy-Aroor road Rs. 5,500.

In regard to the first item, the conversion of the Commissioner's bungalow into a Palace was sanctioned late last year ; the work was started and is now in progress A sum of Rs. 15,000 for providing quarters for the Commissioner, Devicolam, was sanctiond last month. As there is no provision for this in the budget for the current year, I move for a grant of Rs. 10,000 to meet the expenditure this year.

In regard to the second item, Government accorded administrative sanction in 1112 ; and, as the work was urgent, an additional allotment was also sanctioned to be provided for in the budget for the year. But the site for the building was not transferred to the P. W. D. until towards the end of the year ; as such it was not possible to spend, during that year, the whole of the fund sanctioned for that year. Only a sum of Rs. 407 was expended. And, no allotment was made in the budget for the current year, as, actually, the work was expected to be completed in 1112 itself. By the time the sanction for the work was received, the budget had already gone to Government.

Regarding the Alleppey-Aroor road, the condition of that road became very bad towards the latter part of last year, and gave room for frequent complaint. Government therefore made up its mind to sanction a special estimate for putting the road in order, and an additional grant was made in the budget for 1112. But since it was late in the year it was not possible to do the whole of the work before the end of last year, and a balance of the allotment was left unspent. Only half of the provision was actually spent last year. The work is in good progress; but the provision in the budget for the current year is not sufficient for the completion of the work. Hence this demand.

The demand was put to vote and carried. The grant was made.

MEDICAL DEPARTMENT.

Mr. James Simpson : Sir, I beg to move for a grant of Rs. 4,827 under the following heads :

(i) Entertainment of a specialist in tubercular diseases—Rs. 900.

(ii) Opening of an out-patient dispensary on the eastern side of the Alleppey town—Rs. 3,927.

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